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The Tout Bird Club was host for the eighty-fifth Annual Meeting 17 and 18 May 1986, which was based at the University of Nebraska Research Center at North Platte. Seventy-six people attended the banquet, and that probably was the maximum attendance. There was a slide show Friday night, Saturday morning was for birding. In the afternoon Tom Hupf, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Grand Island, presented the slide show "Rainwater Basin Wetland Project" and led a discussion afterwards. The business meeting followed. It was announced that the Groove-billed Ani (*NBR* 53:78), reported by Maysel Kiser and others, was the best rare bird reported, and the Rufous Hummingbird (*NBR* 53:80), reported by Arthur V. Douglas, was the next best, out of a total of 10 birds reported. The 1987 Annual Meeting will be held 16 and 17 May 1987, in Valentine, as a joint meeting with the South Dakota society. The 1986 Fall Field Day will be held at Halsey 4 and 5 October. The following officers were elected: Gary Lingle, President; Thomas Labedz, Vice-president; Lona Shafer, Treasurer; Ruth Green, Secretary; Neva Pruess, Librarian; and R. G. Cortelyou, Editor. After the banquet that evening Greg Wingfield, Non-game Biologist, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, spoke on "Pine Ridge Prairie Falcons and Other Raptors", illustrated with slides, and Wayne Mollhoff gave an update on the Breeding Bird Atlas project. Sunday morning was available for birding. After the noon lunch and bird tally there was a guided tour of Scout's Rest Ranch for those who could stay longer.

The rainy weather ended Friday night, and both Saturday and Sunday were sunny. At the tally Sunday noon a total of 145 species, and a hybrid, and the possibility that one of the silent Meadowlarks was an Eastern, were reported from Lincoln Co., and 2 others (marked P) were reported from Perkins Co. Three of the birds reported were so uncommon that they are not listed on the field card. Sunday afternoon, after the list was compiled, some die-hards went out and recorded a California Gull. The birds reported were: Pied-billed and Eared Grebes, Double-crested Cormorant, American Bittern, Great Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Green-backed Heron, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, Blue-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, Gadwall, American Wigeon, Redhead, Lesser Scaup, Oldsquaw, Ruddy Duck, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Northern Harrier (P); Sharp-shinned, Swainson's, Red-tailed, and Ferruginous (P) Hawks; American Kestrel, Chukar, Ring-necked Pheasant, Wild Turkey, Northern Bobwhite, American Coot, Piping Plover, Killdeer, American Avocet, Lesser Yellowlegs, Willet, Spotted and Upland Sandpipers, Long-billed Curlew, Ruddy Turnstone, Red Knot, Sanderling; Semipalmated, Least, White-rumped, Bairds, and Pectoral Sandpipers; Short-billed Dowitcher, Common Snipe, Wilson's and Red-necked Phalaropes, Franklin's, Bonaparte's, Ring-billed, California, and Herring Gulls; Common, Forster's, Least, and Black Terns; Rock and Mourning Doves, Common Barn-Owl, Eastern Screech-Owl, Great Horned and Burrowing Owls, Common Nighthawk, Chimney Swift, Belted Kingfisher; Red-headed, Red-bellied, Downy, and Hairy Woodpeckers; Northern Flicker, Least Flycatcher, Eastern and Say's Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern and Western Kingbirds, Scissor-tailed Flycatcher, Horned Lark, Purple Martin; Tree, Northern Rough-winged, Bank, Cliff, and Barn Swallows; Blue Jay, Pinyon Jay, Black-billed Magpie, American Crow, Black-capped Chickadee, Rock and House Wrens, Eastern Bluebird, Swainson's Thrush, American Robin, Gray Catbird, Northern Mockingbird, Brown Thrasher, Sprague's Pipit, Cedar Waxwing, Loggerhead Shrike, European Starling; Bell's. Warbling, Philadelphia, and Red-eyed Vireos; Tennessee, Yellow, and Blackpoll Warblers; American Redstart, Ovenbird, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Cardinal; Rose-breasted, Rose-breasted x Black-headed, Black-headed, and Blue Grosbeaks; Lazuli and Indigo Buntings, Dickcissel, Rufous-sided Towhee; Chipping, Clay-colored, Vesper, and Lark Sparrows; Lark Bunting; Savannah, Grasshopper, Swamp, and White-crowned Sparrows; Boblink, Red-winged Blackbird, Meadowlark sp., Western Meadowlark, Yellow-headed Blackbird, Common Grackle, Brown-headed Cowbird, Orchard and Northern (mostly Baltimore, at least one Bullock's) Orioles, House Finch, Pine Siskin, American Goldfinch, and House Sparrow.